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ANSWERS AND BEST ESTIMATES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN
REFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SINCE IMET PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN IN EFFECT FOR
MANY YEARS AND EACH YEARLY PROGRAM, IS GENERALLY
SIMILAR TO PRECEEDING YEAR THE HC IS QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE
OF COURSES AVAILABLE. THE HC PRIORITIES CLOSELY MATCH
THE PRIORITIES OF THE ODC AND THE MASL. IN THIS REGARD,
THESE PRIORITIES ARE:

(1) C&GSC STUDENT TOUR OF U.S. AND GENERAL/
FLAG OFFICER VISITS.

(2) NAVY C&GSC TOUR (EVERY OTHER YEAR).

(3) PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

(A) CONUS

(B) CZ

(4) TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING - CZ

B. STRICTLY SPEAKING, NO DEFINITIVE BREAK-OUT
BETWEEN THE SERVICES IS MADE. RATHER, EACH SERVICE CHIEF
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IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HC SERVICE BUILDS THE PROGRAM IT
DESIRES. HERE IN PARAGUAY BECAUSE OF THE INTERNAL FINANCIAL
SITUATION, THE ODC PROBLEM IS TO TRY AND INSURE THE HC
UTILIZES THE FUNDS AVAILABLE SINCE THERE IS A DESPERATE
NEED FOR SUCH TRAINING. FOR MANY YEARS, THE NAVY
PARTICIPATED LITTLE IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH
STRENUOUS EFFORTS WERE MADE TO CONVINCE THE NAVY OF

THE VALUE AVAILABLE. WITH A NEW CNO, THIS IS CHANGING SOMEWHAT. USUALLY THE FUNDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE. THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM IN PARAGUAY IS THE SYSTEM WHEREBY EACH PARAGUAYAN STUDENT IS PAID AN EXTRA VIATICUM BY THE GOVERNMENT TO AUGMENT THE SMALL U.S. DAILY PAYMENT FOR LIVING EXPENSES. FOR OFFICERS THIS EXTRA PAYMENT IS \$400 PER MONTH IN CONUS AND \$300 PER MONTH IN PANAMA - FOR ENLISTED IT IS HALF OF THIS AMOUNT. FREQUENTLY, THE EXTRA VIATICUM, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY FEELS IS NECESSARY, IS NOT AVAILABLE. FOR THIS REASON, MANY TIMES THE GOVT OF PARAGUAY WILL NOT AVAIL ITSELF OF THE TOTALLY FREE TRAINING. SINCE THE AIR FORCE APPEARS TO HAVE MORE MONEY AVAILABLE FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES, THEY CAN PAY THE VIATICUM THEMSELVES AND AVAIL THEMSELVES OF MORE TRAINING THAN A STRICT DIVISION BY SIZE MIGHT WARRANT. IF IT WERE NECESSARY TO ALLOCATE FUNDS AVAILABLE BETWEEN SERVICES, SUCH AN ALLOCATION WOULD BE MADE BY THE ODC IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE PARAGUAYAN JOINT GENERAL STAFF.

C. FENCING FUNDS FOR CZ SCHOOLS HAS NOT AFFECTED THE TYPES AND LOCATION OF THE TRAINING PROVIDED BECAUSE THE LEVEL OF FUNDS FENCED DID NOT PRECLUDE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROFESSIONAL CONUS TRAINING DESIRED AND CAPABLE OF BEING UTILIZED. SINCE THE PROFESSIONAL CONUS TRAINING AND THE TOURS ARE HIGH PRIORITY TRAINING, FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED TO COMPLETE THIS TRAINING FIRST. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WITH A HIGHER AMOUNT OF FUNDS FENCED THE MAJORITY OF MONIES AVAILABLE MIGHT BE SPENT FOR
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CONUS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, LEAVING INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR COURSES IN THE CZ. THUS, EVEN THOUGH THE TUITION COSTS FOR CZ SCHOOLS WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID FEW PARAGUAYAN STUDENTS WOULD ATTEND CZ SCHOOLS AND THE GREAT MAJORITY OF TECHNICAL COURSES, PARTICULARLY FOR THE AF, WOULD NOT BE UTILIZED.

D. WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND THE PROVISION OF THE STUDENT VIATICUM BY THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT, THE PARAGUAYAN ARMED FORCES RECEIVED ALL THE TRAINING COURSES THEY COULD UTILIZE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, A RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY REQUIREMENT FOR PILOT TRAINING BY AF WAS FILLED, WHEN OTHER TRAINING COURSES COULD NOT BE USED BY THE ARMY AND NAVY.

E. IF THE PARAGUAYAN ARMED FORCES HAVE TO PAY TRAVEL AND LIVING ALLOWANCE FROM THEIR OWN FUNDS, NO STUDENTS WILL BE SENT FOR TECHNICAL AND RELATED COURSES EITHER TO CONUS OR CZ.

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F. IF THE PARAGUAYAN ARMED FORCES HAVE TO PAY
TRAVEL AND LIVING ALLOWANCES FOR PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING COURSES IN CONUS OR CZ NO STUDENTS WILL BE
SENT.

G. IF ALL IMET FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL AND RELATED
TRAINING WAS DISCONTINUED, NO STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT
EITHER TO CONUS OR CZ.

H. IF IMET FUNDING FOR ALL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
WAS DISCONTINUED, NO STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT TO EITHER
CONUS OR CZ.

I. IF THE TYPES OF COURSES LISTED IN PARA E, F, G AND
H. WERE DISCONTINUED, PARAGUAY, TO SOME DEGREE, WOULD
ATTEMPT TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF COURSES IN ARGENTINA
AND BRAZIL. A SMALL PART OF THE TRAINING MIGHT BE AC-
COMPLISHED HERE IN PARAGUAY. IN GENERAL, THE TRAINING
WOULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE
COURSES AND FOR TH SAME NUMBERS OF STUDENTS.

J. (1) EACH YEAR, THE PARAGUAYAN GENERAL STAFF
IS INFORMED OF THE AMOUNT OF IMET FUNDS AVAILABLE.
EACH OF THE ODC BRANCH CHIEFS MEETS WITH THE COM-
MANDER AND G3 OF HIS RESPECTIVE SERVICE AND THE
COURSES AVAILABLE ARE DELINIATED AND OFFERED. THE
U.S. SECTION CHIEFS DISCUSS THE VALUE OF INDIVIDUAL
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COURSES AND POINT OUT SPECIFIC DEFICIENCIES IN THE PARAGUAYAN SERVICE THAT CAN BE REMEDIED BY ATTENDANCE. EACH OF THE THREE PARAGUAYAN SERVICES INDICATES INFORMALLY TO THE ODC REPRESENTATIVE THOSE COURSES THEY CAN AFFORD. AT A LATER DATE, THE PARAGUAYAN JOINT GENERAL STAFF SENDS THE ODC, A LETTER LISTING THE COURSES DESIRED AND THE NAME OF THE STUDENTS. THE COORDINATION PROCESS IS CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS COURSES ARE CANCELED AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE GENERATED.

(II) HOST COUNTRY PRIORITIES DO COINCIDE WITH EMBASSY/ODC PRIORITIES FOR SUCH TRAINING. THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED ENGLISH LANGUAGE CANDIDATES IS A PROBLEM FOR CONUS COURSES PARTICULARLY FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.

K. IF THE USG STOPPED PAYING ALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING COSTS ALMOST ALL CONUS TRAINING WOULD EVENTUALLY BE STOPPED.

L. HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD BE EXTREMELY PLEASED IF CZ SCHOOLS WERE RELOCATED TO CONUS WITH INSTRUCTION STILL IN SPANISH.

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